

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 30 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 31-34.

Please amend claims 21, 23, 25-27 and 29 as follows:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A method for inhibiting a cancerous phenotype of a cell, said method comprising + contacting a cancerous mammalian cell with an agent for inhibition of DKFZ5661133 activity.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said test cell is a breast cell.
3. (Original) The method of claims 1-2, wherein said cancerous phenotype is aberrant cellular proliferation relative to a normal cell.
4. (Original) The method of claims 1-3, wherein said cancerous phenotype is loss of contact inhibition of cell growth.
5. (Original) The method of claims 1-4, wherein said agent is selected from the group consisting of a small molecule, an antibody, an antisense polynucleotide, and an RNAi molecule.
6. (Original) The method of claims 1-6, wherein said inhibition is associated with a reduction in a level of DKFZp5661133 protein.
7. (Original) The method of claims 1-7, wherein said inhibition is associated with a reduction in a level of DKFZ5661133 RNA.
8. (Original) The method of claims 1-8, wherein said inhibition is associated with a reduction in a level of activity of DKFZ5661133 protein.

9. (Original) A method for detecting a cancerous cell, said method comprising:

detecting a level of DKFZp5661133 or fragment thereof in a test sample obtained from a cell of a subject,

comparing the level of DKFZp5661133 to a control level of DKFZ5661133,

wherein the presence of a cancerous cell is indicated by detection of said level and comparison to a control level of DKFZ5661133.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein said cancerous cell is a cancerous breast cell.

11. (Original) The method of claims 9-10, wherein said gene product is nucleic acid.

12. (Original) The method of claims 9-11, wherein said gene product is a polypeptide.

13. (Original) The method of claims 9-12, wherein said detecting step uses a polymerase chain reaction.

14. (Original) The method of claims 9-13, wherein said detecting step uses hybridization.

15. (Original) The method of claims 9-14, wherein said sample is a sample of breast tissue.

16. (Original) The method of claims 9-15, wherein said level of said product is indicative of the cancerous state of the cell of the test sample.

17. (Original) A method of treating a subject with cancer, said method comprising: administering to a subject a pharmaceutically effective amount of an agent, wherein said agent modulates the activity of DKFZ5661133.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said cancer is breast cancer.

19. (Original) The method of claims 17-18, wherein said agent is selected from the group consisting of a small molecule, an antibody, an antisense polynucleotide, and an RNAi molecule.
20. (Original) A method for assessing the tumor burden of a subject, said method comprising: detecting a level of DKFZp5661133 in a test sample from a subject, wherein the level of DKFZp5661133 in the test sample is indicative of the tumor burden in the subject.
21. (Currently amended) A method for identifying an anti-cancer agent that modulates a biological activity of a gene product differentially expressed in a cancerous cell as compared to a normal cell, said method comprising:
- contacting a candidate anti-cancer agent with a cell that expresses DKFZp5661133; and
- detecting a difference between the biological activity of DKFZp5661133 in the presence and absence of the candidate anti-cancer agent, wherein a difference between the level of biological activity of DKFZp5661133 in the presence and absence of the candidate anti-cancer agent indicates that the candidate anti-cancer agent has anti-cancer activity ~~modulation of a biological activity of DKFZp5661133 relative to a level of biological activity of DKFZp5661133 in the absence of the candidate agent .~~
22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein said cancerous cell and said normal cell are breast cells.
23. (Currently amended) The method of claim 21 ~~claims 21-23~~, wherein said detecting is by assessing expression of said gene product.
24. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein expression is assessed by detecting a polynucleotide gene product.
25. (Currently amended) The method of claim 23 ~~claims 23-24~~, wherein expression is assessed by detecting a polypeptide gene product.
26. (Currently amended) The method of either of claim 21 or claim 32 ~~claims 21-25~~,

wherein said candidate agent is selected from the group consisting of a small molecule, an antibody, an antisense polynucleotide, and an RNAi molecule.

27. (Currently amended) The method of claim 21 ~~claims 21-26~~, wherein said biological activity is modulation of a cancerous phenotype.

28. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein said cancerous phenotype is abnormal cellular proliferation.

29. (Currently amended) The method of claim 27 ~~27-28~~, wherein said cancerous phenotype is loss of contact inhibition.

Claim 30 (Cancelled)

31. (New) The method of either of claim 21 or claim 32 wherein the agent is a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:508 and SEQ ID NO:510.

32. (New) A method of screening a candidate agent for anti-cancer activity comprising:

(a) contacting a cell that expresses DKFZp5661133 with a candidate agent; and
(b) detecting a difference between the level of expression of DKFZp5661133 in the presence and absence of the candidate agent, wherein a difference between the level of DKFZp5661133 expression in the presence and in the absence of the candidate agent indicates that the candidate agent has anti-cancer activity.

33. (New) The method of claim 32 wherein a difference in expression levels of DKFZp5661133 is detected using a polymerase chain reaction, hybridization, or Western blot.

34. (New) The method of either of claims 21 or 32 wherein the cancer is breast cancer.